

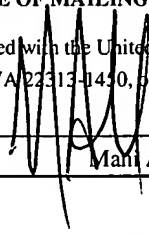


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 10/040,963

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For: ROUTING METHOD AND
APPARATUS

Examiner: Vuthe Siek

Group Art Unit: 2825

RESPONSE TO A NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Response is in reply to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 26, 2004, which notified the Applicants that the format of a previously submitted Amendment was incorrect for failing to recite cancellation of certain claims. This Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment gave the Applicants one month to resubmit the Amendment. Accordingly, attached please find:

1. An Amendment and Response to an Office Action;
2. A Return Receipt Post Card.

In the prior Amendment (which was submitted on September 15, 2003), Applicants paid \$1014 of fees, of which \$930 was for extension of time and \$84 was for an extra independent claim. Also, Applicants are submitting this Amendment within the one month deadline provided in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Accordingly, Applicants believe that there is no fee required for the resubmission of the Amendment. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1128** referencing SPLX.P0023.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to an Office Action dated March 13, 2003, and to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 26, 2004. Applicants previously submitted an Amendment to this Office Action on September 15, 2003. Subsequently, the Applicants received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment notifying the Applicants that the format of the previous submission was incorrect for failing to recite claims 1-26, which were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application.

Accordingly, Applicants are resubmitting the Amendment to include a reference to the canceled claims 1-26.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **3** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **11** of this paper.